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NOTICE OF INTENT TO NEGOTIATE FIVE CONTRACTS FOR TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM-PLUS SERVICES

In compliance with Board Policy 5.100, Sole Source Contracts, this is to notify the Board that the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) intends to negotiate five contracts for Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus) services after receiving an insufficient response to a recent Request for Proposals (RFP) in SPAs 1, 2, and 5.

DCFS released an RFP for THP-Plus services on May 24, 2013. The RFP sought to procure at least one contract for THP-Plus services in each of DCFS' eight Service Planning Areas (SPAs), with additional contracts awarded in any given SPA based on the need for services and available funding. To meet the anticipated needs of the County, DCFS now intends to award two THP-Plus contracts in each SPA for a total of sixteen contracts. California Department of Social Services (CDSS) MPP 23-650.15.152, allows for contracts to be procured by negotiation when bids or proposals have been solicited and competition is determined to be inadequate.

DCFS received 22 proposals in response to the RFP but none to provide services in SPAs 1 and 5. Only one qualifying proposal was received for SPA 2 and DCFS has determined that the need and the funding exist for an additional contract in that SPA. In an effort to ensure adequate services in SPAs 1 and 5, DCFS contacted Ettie Lee, Inc., First Place for Youth and Florence Crittenton of Orange County to determine their interest in providing services in SPAs 1 and 5. These proposers, who submitted qualifying proposals in SPAs adjacent to SPAs 1 and 5, expressed their willingness to provide the needed services. DCFS now intends to negotiate contracts for THP-Plus services in SPA 1 with Ettie Lee, Inc., and Florence Crittenton of Orange County and in SPA 5 with Ettie Lee, Inc., and First Place for Youth.

Additionally, DCFS contacted Hathaway-Sycamores Child and Family Services to determine their interest in providing services in SPA 2 and received an affirmative response. Although Hathaway-Sycamores did not submit a qualifying proposal in response to the RFP, DCFS is confident in their ability to provide these services based on their history of providing services to DCFS, and their good standing with the California Department of Social Services. Hathaway-Sycamores currently contracts with the County to provide group home, foster family agency, and residential based services in SPA 2. This agency also provides transitional housing services to former DCFS and Probation Department youth through a contract with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA).

THP-Plus is a State optional transitional housing program for former foster youth (including eligible Probation youth) ages 18 up to the age of 24. The countywide program provides former foster youth with housing and supportive services to assist in their transition to independence, with a focus and requirement of sustained employment. DCFS will proceed with contract negotiations two weeks from the date of this notice, unless otherwise instructed by a Board office.

The new THP-Plus contracts are tentatively scheduled to start on January 1, 2015. The recommended term of the contracts will be one year with two additional one-year renewal options and on an automatic month-to-month basis for a period not to exceed six months past the current expiration date. The estimated annual cost of the THP-Plus contracts is \$2,165,000, financed using 100% State revenue. Of this amount, \$422,400 will be allocated to Hathaway-Sycamores and the providers for SPAs 1 and 5. There will be no impact on net County cost (NCC).

If you have any questions or need additional information, you may call me or your staff may contact Aldo Marin, Board Liaison, at (213) 351-5530.

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